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H. RES. 146

Designating March 2, 2009, as “Read Across America Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MARKEY of Colorado (for herself and Mr. EHLERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

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Whereas reading is a basic requirement for quality education and professional success, and is a source of pleasure throughout life;

Whereas the people of the United States must be able to read if the United States is to remain competitive in the global economy;

Whereas Congress, through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107–110) and the Reading First, Early Reading First, and Improving Literacy Through School Libraries programs, has placed great emphasis on reading intervention and providing additional resources for reading assistance; and

Whereas more than 50 national organizations concerned about reading and education have joined with the National Education Association to use March 2 to celebrate reading and the birth of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr.
3 Seuss, for his success in encouraging children to dis-
4 cover the joy of reading;

5 (2) honors the 12th anniversary of Read Across
6 America Day;

7 (3) encourages parents to read with their chil-
8 dren for at least 30 minutes on Read Across Amer-
9 ica Day in honor of the commitment of the House
10 of Representatives to building a Nation of readers;
11 and

12 (4) encourages the people of the United States
13 to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and
14 activities.

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